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Vacant Property Initiative Loan Fund Program

Technology Business Grant Program

Green Technology Business Grant Program

> Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program

Economic Development Loan Program

Working Capital Loan Program

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# CITYWIDE BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM





## **Program Overview**

- The Citywide Business Grant Program is designed to attract new and/or expand businesses in the City of Cleveland.
- Grant assistance can be applied to both new and existing businesses who are creating five (5) or more new jobs in the City of Cleveland within the first year.
- Companies receiving the grant are not eligible for other City funding programs for a three year period.



### **Program Requirements**

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- Businesses moving from outside the City of Cleveland into the City of Cleveland.
- Businesses moving to or expanding in Cleveland and creating at least five (5) jobs within the first year.
- Eligible applicants may receive grants of up to 1% of new payroll up to \$50,000 per year for three years, based on the amount of new income taxes the business generates to the City.

#### **Grant Payments**

Grant payments will be made annually by March 31st, after submission of total employment and payroll information for the year by January 31st.

# Employment and Workforce Requirements

#### Grant applicants agree to:

- Sign a Workforce Agreement with the City of Cleveland utilizing the Workforce Development Department.
- Pay each employee a living wage of at least \$10.00 per hour.
- Employ, to the extent practicable, across all job classifications and/or salary ranges, minority persons for 33 1/3% of all new permanent job opportunities.
- Employ, to the extent practicable, City residents at the time of hire for 50% of all new permanent job opportunities at the Project Site.

#### **Documentation Required**

- Business Plan
- Project Sources and Uses
- Certified Payroll
- Letter of Support from Ward Councilperson.
- Application Fee of \$25.00 for 75 employees or less, \$100.00 for 75 employees or more.